

RENTON CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting

June 5, 2000  
Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Council Chambers  
Municipal Building

MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jesse Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order.

**ROLL CALL OF  
COUNCILMEMBERS**

RANDY CORMAN, Council President; TIMOTHY SCHLITZER; KING PARKER; DON PERSSON; KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER; DAN CLAWSON; TONI NELSON.

**CITY STAFF IN  
ATTENDANCE**

JESSE TANNER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; ZANETTA FONTES, Assistant City Attorney; MARILYN PETERSEN, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; JIM SHEPHERD, Community Services Administrator; SUE CARLSON, Economic Development Administrator; BETTY NOKES, Economic Development Director; ELIZABETH HIGGINS, Senior Planner; MIKE WEBBY, Human Resources Administrator; DENNIS CULP, Facilities Director; REBECCA LIND, Principal Planner; DEREK TODD, Finance Analyst; CHIEF GARRY ANDERSON, Police Department; COMMANDER FLOYD ELDRIDGE, Police Department.

**PRESS**

Robert Teodosio, *Renton Reporter*

**APPROVAL OF  
COUNCIL MINUTES**

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 22, 2000 AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

**SPECIAL  
PRESENTATIONS**

Police: Volunteer Recognitions

Chief of Police Garry Anderson and Community Program Coordinator Audrey Moore presented awards to the following Police Department volunteers:

Nancy Temple – 500 hours of service;  
Marilyn Smith – Volunteer of the 1st Quarter for 2000; and  
Jerry Hess – 5,000 hours of service.

Chief Anderson added that Mr. Hess, who coordinates the Police Department's fingerprint program, is the department's first volunteer to have contributed 5,000 hours. In gratitude, Mr. Hess was presented with an engraved Renton Police Department ring commemorating his achievement and dedication.

EDNSP: Sue Carlson as King  
County Municipal League's  
"Public Employee of the Year"

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington announced that Sue Carlson, Renton's Economic Development/Neighborhoods/Strategic Planning Administrator, was selected as the "Public Employee of the Year" by the Municipal League of King County. Praising Ms. Carlson for her "can-do" attitude and optimism, Mr. Covington listed some of her many accomplishments which will change (or have already changed) Renton for the better, including the downtown park, the Highlands-area revitalization, Port Quendall, IKEA, and the downtown area's redevelopment.

Police: WASA Award to Chief  
Anderson

Dolores Gibbons, Renton School District Superintendent, announced that the Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA) selected Renton Police Chief Garry Anderson as the recipient for its annual Community Leadership Award. Explaining that this award was based on Mr. Anderson's many contributions to public education, both as Chief of Police and as an involved parent in his home district of Snoqualmie, Ms. Gibbons praised his

Human Services: Business  
Committed to Kids Award  
(Communities in Schools of  
Renton)

efforts to create safe schools, develop healthy youth and communities, and actively collaborate with the school district and other agencies.

Susan Richards, Executive Director of Communities in Schools of Renton, and Jay Leviton, Executive Director for the Renton School District's Career & Life Skills program, announced that Trinity Technology Corp. was chosen as the latest recipient of the "Business Committed to Kids" award. Mr. Leviton explained that this company mentors and tutors students in technology classes, solicits surplus computers for school classrooms, and provides technical consulting to the Renton School District. Doug Taylor accepted the award on behalf of Trinity Corp.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Planning: Critical Areas  
Ordinance Amendments  
(Aquifer Protection & Flood  
Hazard Areas)

This being the date set and proper notices having been posted and published in accordance with local and State laws, Mayor Tanner opened the public hearing to consider amendments to the Critical Areas Ordinance relating to aquifer protection and flood hazard areas.

Rebecca Lind, Principal Planner, introduced consultant Lisa Grueter, a former City employee who has continued to work on Renton's aquifer protection regulations on a contract basis. Ms. Grueter explained that the proposed amendments reformat the aquifer protection regulations and move them to the Development Regulations chapter of the City Code. The amendments also more accurately address civil and criminal penalty provisions located elsewhere in the Code, and include some changes to the flood hazard regulations to reflect the most recent State model language.

Specifically, the amendments:

- Reorganize and rewrite the penalty regulations to contain an "applicability" section, distinguish violations more clearly, clarify which violations are subject to criminal or civil penalties, and authorize tests and permit suspension or revocation for civil infractions.
- Indicate that modification of an existing single family residence is not exempt from aquifer protection regulations because fill quality requirements would apply.
- Render emergency activities in the aquifer protection area, as well as use of materials with no risk, to be fully exempt without qualifiers.
- Add new charts titled "Limited Exemptions" and "Activities Exempt in Critical Area Buffers", and consolidate other charts into the new charts.
- Modify the Nonresidential Construction section to require that new construction be one foot above the base flood elevation, and that substantial improvement of existing nonresidential construction be either one foot above the base flood elevation, or floodproofed.
- Restrict critical facilities in floodplains (this means they are also restricted from the floodway).
- Remove some hazardous materials from the applicable list, at the request of Water Utility Section staff.

Ms. Grueter concluded that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the amendments as proposed. This item will remain in Planning & Development Committee after the public hearing, pending a recommendation for action to the full Council.

Public comment was invited. There being none, it was MOVED BY SCHLITZER, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. CARRIED.

Planning: Center Downtown  
Zone Landscaping, Setback &  
Parking Code Changes

This being the date set and proper notices having been posted and published in accordance with local and State laws, Mayor Tanner opened the public hearing to consider amendments to the Center Downtown zone's bulk and parking code.

Rebecca Lind, Senior Planner, explained that the purpose of the amendments is to provide a more urban-oriented development standard in the Center Downtown area for landscaping and setbacks. They are also intended to encourage structured parking by allowing smaller stall width and length dimensions and by changing compact stall percentage requirements and parking ratio standards citywide. Ms. Lind then described each proposed change, including:

- Establish a zero-foot minimum front yard/street setback for the below grade portion of buildings in the Center Downtown (CD) zone.
- In the CD zone outside of the Downtown Core area, revise the minimum front yard/street setbacks to allow the first 25 feet of a building's height to encroach within ten feet of the public right-of-way (rather than within 15 feet). The setback for the portions of a building higher than 25 feet would be 15 feet.
- Revise the 15-foot maximum front yard/street setback to clarify that only the first 25 feet of a building's height is required to conform to this provision. Portions of a building higher than 25 feet have no maximum setback.
- Simplify the minimum rear yard setbacks to clarify when one is required, and to eliminate redundancy with any applicable landscape regulations.
- Revise the landscaping regulations to clarify that these apply to on-site landscaping (as opposed to landscaping established and maintained in the right-of-way).
- Allow the use of hard surfaces materials in street frontage landscape buffers required outside of the Downtown Core Area (for example, concrete planters).
- Permit the footings of below-grade structures to encroach into the street right-of-way, subject to City approval. This would facilitate construction of parking garages below grade within private property by allowing the footing for the foundation to project into the right-of-way.
- Replace the language regarding setback averaging (section 4-2-120.C) to allow building closer to the street in the hope of encouraging a pedestrian-oriented environment with street-related entry features. This would also increase flexibility by allowing setback averaging where existing buildings have an inconsistent setback in order to provide a better fit for infill developments.
- Give direction as to when and how hard surface materials can be incorporated into the landscape setback (hard surfaces being brick, stone, textured/colored concrete, etc.) to provide a transition between the streetscape and the building.

Ms. Lind explained that the proposed changes to parking regulations would affect both the Center Downtown and the Residential Multi-family/Urban zones. The changes to parking stall dimensions and percentages would create two standards: surface/private garage/carport, and structured parking. For the former category, staff proposes reducing the standard stall length from 20 feet to 18 feet, and the compact stall dimensions from 8.5'x16' to 8'x15'.

Standard stalls in structured parking garages would be smaller than those required for surface parking or private garages or carports, as follows: 8'4"x15' (if less than a 45 degree angle), or 8'4"x16' (if a 45 degree angle or greater). Compact stalls in these facilities would be 7'6"x12' (if less than a 45 degree angle), or 7'6"x13" (if a 45 degree angle or greater).

Ms. Lind added that the provisions would also allow 50% compact parking stalls in structured parking facilities, as compared to the current 30% requirement. They would also create a set of parking ratios, based on the number of bedrooms per unit, for attached dwelling resident and guest parking in structured parking garages.

The last parking regulation change would affect surface parking, and be applied citywide. Under this proposal, standard parking spaces would be reduced from 9'x20' to 9'x18'. Compact spaces would be reduced from 8'6"x16' to 8'x15'. In the CD zone only, surface parking dimensions would be the same as those for a structured parking facility.

Ms. Lind concluded that the final amendments either relate to definitions, or address several needed housekeeping changes.

Responding to Council President Corman, Ms. Lind confirmed that the proposed parking stall dimensions reflect minimum widths and depths, and a developer could certainly elect to increase these sizes.

In response to Councilman Corman, Ms. Lind said the surface parking stall dimension changes that would take effect citywide would not apply to the current on-street parking provided in the downtown. If approved, the changes would constitute development standards that would apply to private development (either residential or a mixed-use residential/commercial project).

Councilman Persson did not want a reduction in front yard/street setbacks to result in site distance complications at intersections. Saying that this concern would be addressed in design review, Ms. Lind noted that the unimproved and unused right-of-way available on most streets helps combat this problem. Mr. Persson added that the City should consider applying these standards to commercial as well as to residential and mixed-used developments.

Public comment was invited.

Ralph Evans, 3306 NE 11th Pl., Renton, wondered how many of the stalls in a structured parking garage could be compact-size under the proposed changes. Ms. Lind said they would allow up to 50% compact stalls, whereas the limit currently is 30%.

There being no further public comment, it was MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. CARRIED.

MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL SUSPEND THE RULES AND ADVANCE TO THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE SR-167 NOISE VARIANCE APPEAL. CARRIED.

**APPEAL**  
**Planning & Development**  
**Committee**

Planning & Development Committee Chair Keolker-Wheeler presented a report regarding the SR-167 Noise Variance Appeal. The Committee received appeals on this noise variance from the Washington State Department of Transportation

Appeal: SR-167 Noise  
Variance (WSDOT)

(WSDOT) and the Holiday Inn Select, covering work from milepost 25 north to the intersection of SR-167 and Grady Way.

The Department of Transportation, in an attempt to mitigate the impact upon the general public and the Holiday Inn Select, has voluntarily limited its requested noise variance nights to 15 in the vicinity of the Holiday Inn Select, and seven in what is referred to as the freeway section. Since the committee, in considering this variance, is required to consider City Code Section 8-7-8.D concerning availability of practicable alternative methods, the application is deemed amended to reflect this lesser request.

The Board of Public Works Findings, Conclusions and Decision should be amended as follows:

1. Finding of Fact #5 should be expanded by adding, prior to the last sentence thereof, the following language: "Substantial daytime closures of traffic lanes along SR-167 and Rainier Ave. S. would prevent business customers from having access to various businesses, including the Holiday Inn Select. As well, the Holiday Inn Select, depending on its location for business, adjacent to I-405 and SR-167, is located in a heavily traveled section of road from which it benefits by visibility and heavy pass-by traffic. Inherent with that benefit comes the detriment that occasional roadway improvements and repairs will be necessary."

2. Finding of Fact #7 should be amended by adding the following language: "The Department of Transportation has voluntarily limited its number of requested variance days to 15 adjacent to the vicinity of the Holiday Inn Select, and seven in the freeway section."

3. The Decision should be modified with the initial sentence reading as follows: "The noise variance, as requested, is granted for 15 days in the vicinity of the Holiday Inn Select, seven days in the freeway section, and 14 days from Grady Way to S. 2nd Street."

4. The Conditions to the Decision should be modified as follows:

Condition G) should be modified to read as follows: "After receiving a complaint from a single-family resident, the applicant will be required to take further mitigation measures such as, but not limited to, insulating the windows or providing motel accommodations."

Condition H) should be modified to read as follows: "A 24-hour staffed notification phone line shall be posted, and a notice of the phone number hand-delivered to residents in the Talbot Crest and Shattuck residential neighborhoods to call in complaints or voice concerns."

Condition I) should be modified to read as follows: "Applicant shall be required to give ten days' prior notification to two individual groups – 1) the Holiday Inn Select, and 2) the Talbot Crest and Shattuck residential neighborhoods.

FURTHER, the night work within the area of the Holiday Inn Select should be limited to a maximum of no more than 15 nights; and the portion of the work through the freeway section will be limited to seven nights."

The following additional Conditions should be added to read as follows:

J) "Work in the vicinity of the Holiday Inn Select, requiring use of the noise variance, should not begin until August 1, 2000."

K) "Noise-generating activities, including grinding and paving, in the vicinity of the Holiday Inn Select shall commence directly in front of the hotel as early in the evening as possible, and work away from the hotel as the night progresses. Vibratory roller equipment cannot be used directly in front of the hotel."

L) "Department of Transportation officials met with the neighbors in the Shattuck and Talbot Crest residential neighborhoods and offered to stage and conduct its work in a manner that the neighbors found acceptable. The neighborhoods therefore withdrew their opposition to the variance. The Department of Transportation shall supply the City with a summary of the concessions given to the neighbors, such concessions shall be attached to the variance as additional conditions as if fully set forth."

MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Noting this is a highly contentious project, Councilman Parker hoped that the State will expedite its completion to the greatest degree possible.

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 2000 and beyond. Items noted included:

- \* Citizens are invited to an open house on potential improvements to the I-405/NE 44th St. Interchange on Tuesday, June 13th, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Renton Senior Activity Center.
- \* At a recent meeting of the Employment Service Providers Network, Renton's Community Resource Directory was nominated as one of the best available community resources.
- \* More than 1800 bridge enthusiasts gathered for a four-day competition at the Renton Community Center over Memorial Day weekend.
- \* Jailer Christopher Dement recently graduated number one in Practical Testing in the Corrections Academy Class of the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission.

## AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Wynne – Sheridan Development & Temporary Downtown Alley Closure

Kristen Bamford Wynne, 701 Fifth Ave. Suite 6100, Seattle, 98104, representing Renton Western Wear, said this business continues to have questions and concerns about the language of some of the conditions of approval for the temporary closure of the public alley lying between Burnett and Williams Ave. S., and S. 2nd and 3rd Streets. Ms. Wynne submitted a memo which requested changes or clarification to seven of the eight conditions.

MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL SUSPEND ITS RULES AND ADVANCE TO THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT ON THIS SUBJECT. CARRIED.

## Planning & Development Committee

Development Services:  
Sheridan Development & Temporary Downtown Alley Closure

Planning & Development Committee Chair Keolker-Wheeler presented a report regarding the Sheridan mixed-use development temporary alley closure (Dally Homes, Metropolitan Place Apartments). The Committee recommended approval of a temporary closure of the public right-of-way portion of the alley that lies between, and parallel to, Burnett Ave. S. and Williams Ave. S., between S. 2nd and S. 3rd Streets, for the construction of the lower level parking garage of the Metropolitan Place Apartments with the following conditions:

1. Access easements must be executed by Ren-Four, Inc., Renton Western

Wear, and US West to benefit American Drapery, Dally Homes, Ren-Four, Inc., Renton Western Wear, and US West. The City of Renton attorney will provide easement agreements to all parties for signature.

2. Dally Homes will provide advance notice to all businesses when complete alley closures will occur (closure of both the public right-of-way and the realigned travel lane).
3. Dally Homes will provide four comparable parking spaces for Dobson-Houser-Davidson Attorneys and two parking spaces for Renton Western Wear.
4. Dally will ensure that the travel lane located in the access easement is of sufficient width to allow the passage of vehicles, except when "full alley closure" occurs.
5. If full alley closure coincides with Tuesday a.m. pick-up of refuse, Dally Homes will be responsible for relocating dumpsters so that they are accessible to Waste Management, Inc. If Dally Homes fails to provide such assistance and if "push out" charges are assessed to businesses, they will be paid to WMI by Dally Homes.
6. Dally Homes will provide a forklift truck capable of lifting anticipated deliveries to US West.
7. Dally Homes will restore the alley following construction to comply with City of Renton standards.
8. The reopening of the public right-of-way will follow termination of the access easement agreements 30 (thirty) days following substantial completion of the parking garage, unless all parties agree to an extension of the agreements.

The specifics of each condition are located in a memorandum dated June 2, 2000, *which is incorporated by this reference.\**

Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler reiterated that, as the Planning & Development Committee report states, the specifics of each condition are spelled out in a memo to the Council from Gregg Zimmerman, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator. She said the only issue raised by Ms. Wynne which is not addressed in this memo is the potential need for an easement from the property owners of the former Cedar River Brewery.

Sue Carlson, Economic Development Administrator, said that access to and from this property is assured since Dally Homes has leased the 4,000 square foot area directly adjacent to the alley.

Elliott Kavesh, 724 S. 3rd St., president of Renton Western Wear, explained that the business would appreciate a distinction between the time when the alley will be partially restored and reopened, and the time when it will be fully restored, as these dates will likely not be the same.

**\*On the advice of the City Attorney, it was MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL AMEND THE COMMITTEE REPORT TO ADD THE WORDS "which is incorporated by reference" AT THE END OF THE FINAL SENTENCE OF THE REPORT. CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT AS AMENDED. CARRIED.**

Citizen Comment: Anderson –  
Merlino Annexation & Rezone

Duane Anderson, PO Box 88745, Seattle, WA, 98138, noted that the SEPA review for the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendment for the Merlino property in the Black River conservation area was completed on March 28th, with the subsequent appeal period expiring on April 14th. Claiming that no SEPA determination and appeal notice was provided to those living within 300 feet of the property, as required, Mr. Anderson asked that this issue be reopened and notice provided at this time.

Mayor Tanner replied that the City will check its records to ensure that proper public notice was provided in this case. Principal Planner Rebecca Lind clarified that the subject property is already rezoned, and the annexation is exempt from SEPA notification requirements.

Citizen Comment: Stone –  
Merlino Annexation & Rezone

Don Stone, PO Box 78593, Seattle, WA, 98178, president of the West Hill Community Council, called the City's attention to a large structure on the Merlino property which appears to be full of crushed concrete. Noting that part of this structure lies a mere 350 feet from a salmon-spawning stream, he was concerned that lime may be leeching into the ground in this area. Adding that King County cannot locate permits for this work, he asked that Renton postpone action on the Merlino annexation until King County investigates this matter.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

Appointment: Board of Ethics

Mayor Tanner reappointed Gerry Marsh, 437 Williams Ave. N. #107, Renton, 98055, to the Board of Ethics for a four-year term expiring 12/31/2004. Council concur.

Community Event: Renton  
River Days Fee Waivers &  
Banner Installations

Executive Department requested waiver of permit fees for 2000 Renton River Days activities endorsed by the Renton River Days Board of Directors. Staff additionally sought authorization to install River Days banners on City light poles from June 26 through August 15. Council concur.

CAG: 00-018, Epoxy Injection  
for City Hall Post-Tensioned  
Slabs, ECA & Associates

City Clerk reported bid opening on 3/07/00 for CAG-00-018, Epoxy Injection for City Hall Post-Tensioned Slabs; three bids; project estimate \$54,000; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, ECA & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$44,795. Council concur.

Parks: Facilities & Custodial  
Support for City Hall Fourth  
Floor Tenants (New Personnel)

Community Services Department recommended hiring additional personnel to provide facilities and custodial support for the tenants leasing the fourth floor of City Hall. Expenditure in the amount of \$69,862 for these positions will be provided from rental income. Refer to Finance Committee.

Plat: Manson, Duvall Ave NE,  
Deed of Dedication for Road  
Widening (SHP-98-188)

Development Services Division recommended acceptance of a deed of dedication for additional right-of-way for widening Duvall Ave. NE for public road use as part of the Manson Short Plat (SHP-98-188). Council concur.

Plat: Buttar Property, NE 4th  
St & Niles Ave NE (PP-00-  
016)

Hearing Examiner recommended approval, with conditions, of the Buttar Property Preliminary Plat; 17 single family lots on 4.2 acres located in the 6000 block of NE 4th St. and Niles Ave. NE (PP-00-016). Council concur.

King County: Trans-Valley  
Study Participation, CAG-00-

Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of an interlocal agreement with King County to participate in the Trans-Valley Study which will study transportation needs in the Renton Valley and surrounding areas. Refer to Transportation Committee.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL APPROVE  
THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.



**CORRESPONDENCE**

Citizen Comment: Custer –  
Downtown Beautification  
Program

Correspondence was read from Don Custer, Centennial Advisory Committee Chairman, and Sonja Mejlaender, Special Event and Volunteer Coordinator, requesting consideration of a hanging flower basket beautification program in downtown Renton. **MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THIS MATTER TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE. CARRIED.**

Citizen Comment: Darst –  
Veterans Memorial Park  
Funding Request

Correspondence was read from Patrick Darst, Senior Vice Commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars, 2601 Edmonds Ave. NE, Renton, 98056, requesting a donation in the amount of \$25,000 for the Veterans Memorial Park project. **MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL REFER THIS MATTER TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**OLD BUSINESS****Finance Committee**

Human Resources: 1999  
Reclassifications

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the reclassifications within the Community Services Department, Planning/Building/Public Works Department, Finance Department and Human Resources Department. If approved, the following positions will be reclassified from:

Assistant Golf Pro, grade 9, to Assistant Golf Pro, grade 11 (\$1,734);  
Pavement Management Technician, grade 15, to Pavement Management Technician, grade 16 (\$1,668);  
Senior Finance Analyst, grade 21, to Senior Finance Analyst, grade 23 (\$2,664).

The above changes are effective January 1, 1999. These reclassifications will not require additional budget appropriations.

Office Assistant I, grade 1, to Office Assistant II, grade 3 (\$1,620);  
Office Assistant II, grade 3, to Secretary I, grade 5 (\$1,272);  
Office Assistant III, grade 5, to Lead Office Assistant, grade 8 (\$1,350);  
Vehicle & Equipment Mechanic II, grade 15, to Lead Vehicle & Equipment Mechanic, grade 17 (\$2,286);  
HR Analyst/Civil Service Examiner, grade 20, to Senior HR Analyst/Civil Service Examiner, grade 22 (\$2,610).

The above changes are effective July 1, 1999. These reclassifications will not require additional budget appropriations.

Principal Finance & Administrative Analyst, grade 26, to Principal Financial & Administrative Analyst, grade 24 (\$0).

The above change is effective January 1, 2000; the position will be red-lined until a vacancy occurs or until the salary grade catches up to the current salary of the incumbent.

**MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.**

Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 182208 - 182631, and two wire transfers totaling \$1,351,040.01; and approval of Payroll Vouchers 25414 – 25633 and 527 direct deposits totaling \$1,017,212.55. **MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.**

Finance: Mayor's Office  
Reorganization & Position

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending concurrence in the Administration's recommendation to approve the Mayor's Office

Reclassifications	reorganization with an implementation target date of June 1, 2000. In general, these changes would include the reclassification of three positions in the Mayor's Office and the creation of an additional clerical support position. Additional funds required for this reorganization totaling \$42,390 in 2000 will come from unallocated fund balance. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.
Finance: Business License Coordinator Reclassification	Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending concurrence in the request from the Finance Department to reorganize the department and place the position responsible for business license and other revenue compliance under the Accounting Section of the department. Further, the Business License position will be upgraded from a grade 13 to a grade 18. In the first two years, the actual cost will remain the same due to the tenure of the past incumbent. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.
Finance: Apprenticeship Set-Aside Program	Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report regarding an apprenticeship set-aside program. This was referred originally by past-Councilmember Bob Edwards because of a possible lack of necessary skilled labor for public projects such as Port Quendall. Since this has not proven to be the case, it is recommended that this referral be removed from Committee. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.
King County: Comprehensive Plan Amendments (Renton's Potential Annexation Area)	<p>At Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler's request, Senior Planner Rebecca Lind reported on a proposal by King County staff that the County's Comprehensive Plan be changed to allow a greater range of potential residential densities within one Comprehensive Plan designation. The proposal would collapse three Urban Residential land use designations ranging from one to greater than 12 dwelling units per acre into one designation that would allow zoning ranging from R-4 to R-48. With density incentives and transfer of density credits, the maximum density allowed could reach 72 units per gross acre. Ms. Lind emphasized that the result of this would be to allow rezones between R-4 and R-48 without changing the Comprehensive Plan, although certain criteria would apply.</p> <p>Ms. Lind explained that Renton could be affected by these changes because they could be implemented anywhere within the City's Potential Annexation Area (PAA). Areas of particular concern include the corridors along Petrovitsky Road, Maple Valley Highway, 140th Ave. SE, and 108th Ave. SE, since a significant area along these corridors is currently designated for R-12 or lower residential zoning. Another consideration is how these changes could decrease consistency between development in these areas and Renton's Comprehensive Plan. If higher density development becomes less restricted, growth and investment in Renton's urban center could be diverted to these outlying locations.</p> <p>Warning that this proposal could change the nature of Renton's PAA forever, whether or not it is ever annexed, Mayor Tanner stated he will keep apprised of this subject and testify against the changes before the King County Council at the appropriate time.</p>
Public Works: Cedar River Flood Damage Reduction Project Status	Gregg Zimmerman, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator, reported on the status of the Cedar River Flood Damage Reduction project, which will be completed this August. The Cedar River Park reopened on June 1st, and the senior housing berm is scheduled to be installed later this week. Other project components scheduled for this summer include: airport levees/floodwalls and

drainage betterment, Logan Ave. bridge floodwall, Landsburg Gravel supplementation mitigation work, and the USACE overdredge mitigation work.

Responding to Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler's earlier inquiry about the floodwalls, Mr. Zimmerman said the height of the concrete walls ranges from two to eight feet. As far as the landscaping, plantings of red alder, western red cedar, western hemlock, pacific willow, longleaf Oregon grape, and salal have been made along both banks of the river between Logan Ave. and Lake Washington. Ornamental tree and shrub plantings in Cedar River Park are equivalent to or better than pre-project conditions. Finally, landscaping on the airport-side of the river was kept to a minimum due to maintenance requirement concerns and to restrict the danger posed to aircraft by foreign objects and debris.

**Community Services  
Committee**

Parks: Naming of the  
Downtown Park ("Piazza")

Community Services Committee Chair Nelson presented a report regarding the naming of the downtown park. The Committee recommended concurrence in the Board of Park Commissioners' recommendation to name the downtown park "Piazza" in keeping with the intended purpose of the park and the original idea of creating a central community gathering space. The Committee further recommended that a plaque or suitable marker be placed in the northeast corner of the park to recognize the site of the original homestead of the Dobson family. **MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.**

**ORDINANCES AND  
RESOLUTIONS**

**Ordinance #4844**

Budget: 2000 Mid-  
Year/Carryforward Budget  
Adjustments

The following ordinances were presented for second and final reading and adoption:

An ordinance was read appropriating funds from fund balance, increasing the expenditures in various funds and departments, and increasing the 2000 Budget. **MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.**

**Ordinance #4845**

Planning: Auto Mall Boundary  
Changes

An ordinance was read amending Section 9-14-11 of Chapter 14, Vacations, of Title IX (Public Ways and Property) of City Code by describing the Administrative Procedure for Right-of-Way Vacations. **MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.**

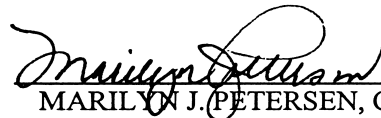
**AUDIENCE COMMENT**

Citizen Comment: Evans-  
Downtown Beautification  
Project

Ralph Evans, 3306 NE 11th Pl., Renton, 98056, said in order to plan for next year's growing season, suppliers of flower plantings for hanging baskets require that orders be placed by mid-July to mid-August for the following year's baskets.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 10:07 p.m.**



MARILYN J. PETERSEN, CMC, City Clerk